

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BERN 04734 181649Z

45

ACTION VO-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SCA-01 /017 W

----- 101142

R 181516Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY BERN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9992

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BERN 4734

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, SZ

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF REVISED FORMAT NIV

REF: STATE 268221

1. EMBASSY'S REMARKS TO EACH SECTION OF PARA 4 OF REFTEL
ARE PROVIDED BELOW FOLLOWED BY SUMMARY COMMENT:

A) ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NO PRECISE BASIS FOR DETERMINING
OFFICER MAN-HOURS SAVED BY INITIATION OF STRAIGHT LINE
PROCESSING AND ELIMINATION OF SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS, WE
ESTIMATE THAT APPROX 30 MINUTES PER DAY ARE GAINED.

B) THE 30 MINUTES SAVED PERMITS THE VISA OFFICER ADDITIONAL
TIME TO DEVOTE TO SUPERVISORY FUNCTIONS. THE ELIMINATION
(THROUGH STRAIGHT LINE PROCESSING) OF ONE "ROUND TRIP" OF THE
VISA CASES HAS BEEN MORE HELPFUL PSYCHOLOGICALLY THAN
PRACTICALLY. IN EFFECT, THE SIGNING OFFICER NEED FACE ONLY
ONE HALF OF THE NUMBER OF "CASES" PREVIOUSLY ENCOUNTERED.

C) YES. STRAIGHT LINE PROCESSING ELIMINATES TIME-CONSUMING
MOTIONS BUT ITS PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPORT IS MORE DISCERNIBLE
(PREVIOUS PARA).

D) EXCEPT FOR THE THIRTY OR SO MINUTES LIBERATED DAILY
AS NOTED ABOVE, THE EMBASSY SEES NO BASIS FOR IMPROVED
OFFICER CONTROL UNDER NEW PROCEDURES. ON THE CONTRARY,
AS OFFICE DOES NOT SEE COMPLETED VISA STAMPED IN PASSPORT
UNDER STRAIGHT LINE METHOD, CONTROL IS NATURALLY DIMINISHED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BERN 04734 181649Z

(STATE 189814). NO PROBLEM FORESEEN AT POST LIKE BERN WHERE

ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES IS ASSURED; HOWEVER
WE WONDER WHETHER THIS WOULD APPLY WORLD-WIDE.

E) NO SIGNIFICANTLY.

2. SUMMARY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INAUGURATION OF FACSIMILE
SIGNATURE PLATE AT BERN HAS PROVEN A WELCOME
ADDITION TOWARDS STREAMLINING THE NIV PROCESS, ITS
EFFECTIVENESS IN TERM OF MAN-HOURS SAVED SHOULD NOT BE
EXAGGERATED. MAINTENANCE OF INTEGRITY OF NIV PROCESS
REQUIRES AS CAREFUL A SCRUTINY OF APPLICATIONS, PASSPORTS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AS PREVIOUSLY. ON THE PLUS SIDE
THE STRAIGHT-LINE PROCESSING ELIMINATES THE MANUAL
PROCEDURE OF CARRQNG HUNDREDS OF CUMBERSOME "CASES"
TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER'S DESK TWICE AND THE MANUAL
FUNCTION OF SIGNING THE VISAS. THE SAVING IN LOCAL AND
OFFICER MAN-HOURS BY ELIMINATING THESE MOTIONS,
THOUGH HELPFUL, CANNOT BE DESCRIBED AS SIGNIFICANT.
AS THE NEGATIVE SIDE, THERE IS SOME LOSS OF OVER-ALL
CONTROL INHERENT IN THE STRAIGHT LINE PROCESSING
(SUB-PARA D ABOVE.)

DAVIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: blochd0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BERN04734
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740368-0557
From: BERN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741227/aaaaawqz.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION VO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 74 STATE 268221
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: blochd0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 JUN 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 JUN 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <26 MAR 2003 by ElyME>; WITHDRAWN <13 Jun 2005 by BoyleJA, PRIVACY>; RELEASED <23 JUN 2005 by powellba2>; APPROVED <23 JUN 2005 by blochd0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ASSESSMENT OF REVISED FORMAT NIV
TAGS: CVIS, SZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005